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In re Application of: :
MASON, Rex, Allan : COMMUNICATION
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For: AN IMPROVED FLUID TREATMENT :
SYSTEM :

In a decision mailed by this Office on 14 December 2007, applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) for acceptance of the application without the signature of sole inventor Rex Allen MASON was dismissed as moot based on the submission of a declaration executed by the previously non-signing inventor. However, the decision indicated that the declaration filed by applicant was not acceptable as submitted based on the presence of an undated, handwritten alteration. The decision required applicants to submit a revised declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

On 22 February 2008, applicants filed a response to the 14 December 2007, with required extension fee. The response included a revised declaration executed by sole inventor Rex Allan MASON. The revised declaration is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing.

The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 22 February 2007.

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